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Don't Fuck With Our Boats.



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An editorial on Humanity's violent jump into the center of the Galactic's attention and worries.

Humanity (Pronounced hyoo·ma·nuh·tee) had expanded rapidly in it's own solar system after it became sub-light capable. After all it took them less time to go from "muskets" to nuclear weapons, than from copper to iron. The speed at which Humanity expands its technological portfolio only grows rapidly and never slows. Still unable to create a working FTL capable ship, it didn't stop them from reaching out amongst the void and grasping onto distant planets and moons. Mining operations on Saturn's moons had only been going on for about a decade. Many freighters had to be used to get the massive quantity of resources back to orbital refineries on Earth and Mars while still taking a little over a week's time to get there. There were not many warships at the disposal of Humanity at the time. The few that it had were mainly for show and although theoretically would have no problem going to the distant mining operations, they usually stayed near Earth and Mars.

The Ru'hak-lie (Pronounced roo·hack·li) however, had developed FTL long before Humanity reached the age of castles and knights. The warring species had fought numerous sub-light territory wars with its neighboring planets long before this and thus had experience fighting in the deep void of space before they came to the galactic stage. And when they did, the current factions that had squabbles with each other had to unionize into a Galactic Senate against them. The first and second Ru'hak-lie wars had ravaged the bordering worlds leaving 12 of them no longer habitable. As war progressed, technology was required to progress faster to keep the edge. Plasma and laser weaponry became the norm after strong shields were developed. That lead to shields designed to withstand massive amounts of plasma and laser energy to disperse it around the shield rather than only stop and reflect it at point of impact. Ships hulls became much thinner to make room for the massive generators and compressed gases to provide ammunition for the weapons. This lead to a stalemate as neither side could adequately destroy each other's fleets rapidly or without expending large amounts of important resources. The territories gained and lost on both sides was

reluctantly agreed to be kept in who ever held it at the armistice. There still were smaller proxy wars constantly being fought on outer laying planets, but both sides never officially acknowledged it for fear of sparking another full scale war.

The mining stations around Saturn had small point defense weaponry to help stop meteor showers from damaging expensive equipment. All were kinetic based turrets mounted around the stations and an occasional one or two on a Driller or Freighter. When the Ru'hak-lie found humanity's quiet and undiscovered sector of space they thought they could easily wipe out this unknowns species and rip its system of all it could offer without repercussions. If no other faction had knowledge on this sector, no one would report it missing. They first attacked the Saturn array and captured it quickly. Losing a handful of fighters to these primitive, and to them, ancient weapons was a worthwhile trade off. Their plasma cannons making quick work of the unshielded stations and rather small in comparison ships in the area, The Ru'hak-lie expedition called for its own miners to warp in and start working. Thinking that this was only what this new prey was capable of, they did not bother immediately jumping to the next planet and instead began to strip their current bounty. Planet hopping was a strong part of their doctrine, but usually not before most resources could be mined. Unbeknownst to them a group of 7 freighters and haulers were able to make a quiet escape and then warn incoming ships of the dangers that lay ahead.

Since the (mostly) peaceful unification of Earth, many of the State's (formerly separate countries, and now call States of Terra) militaries formed into ceremonial militias, natural disaster relief, and aid organizations. Combat training was still ever prevalent, but there had not been a serious conflict in a long time. Nevertheless furious people all around the system called to arms. This magnitude of recruitment had not been seen since Humanity's Second World War, millions drove to recruitment centers of many different states. This put a great strain on not just recruitment and training centers, but also on the militaries themselves. Millions of uniforms, weapons, munitions, vehicles, food and water rations, and countless other products had to be produced at a rate faster than anything ever before. Much like the Second World War they repurposed factories from producing goods and commodities into producing the "Great Dagger of Humanity" which would pierce through the heavens and cut down those that had wronged mankind. It took nearly 9 months to form the first 7 Divisions of both Army and Marines and 3 Fleets into combat ready forces. Nearly 1/4 of them fresh volunteers. Within the second year of the war, Humanity was able to field 350 Divisions and 70 Fleets for frontline combat alone. Not even including support Divisions and Fleets. The vast majority had never even thought about military life just 2 years ago. Now the species that had spent most of its life killing each other could direct all its pent up rage and aggression toward a single enemy. You see, when a species or faction that was birthed or grew up in war finally stops, in many cases small political disagreements can spark the roaring flame of combat that they had grown so accustomed to.

The opening salvos may have been fired by the Ru'hak-lie, but the returning storm of tungsten and depleted uranium from Humanity shook the galaxy to its core. The single naval squadron and mining corps that had eaten away at half of Saturn's moons had been so ill prepared for Humanity's arriving retaliation that the outnumbered ships nearly stood still in shock at the amount of war ships that arrived. They had grown complacent after 9 months of no retaliation or even reconnaissance that they assumed Humanity had given up their planet to them in hopes the Ru'hak-lie would not attack again. Then before they had a chance to even turn their guns toward what they thought were weak, unshielded, and easy targets, every single one of

humanity's guns opened fire at the cyclic rate. Within a blink of their three eyes they lost close to half of the ships caught out in front of this imposing foe. Their shields had been specifically designed to counter energy weapons and these hard hitting kinetic weapons seemed to pass right through their shields. Shredding through the thin hulls of their ships and detonating its payloads in the center of the most critical of systems and cargo areas.

The Squadron commander for the Ru'hak-lie, Rear Commodore Gaht Rey-Flic, watched in horror as many of his ships were turned into a supernova of exploding fuel and gases. His shock soon turned into utter fear as the boarding alarms sounded across many of the remaining ships. Before he could even learn the name of this new warrior race, he had lost. He had executed any that were captured, not even bothering to study them. In turn he had no idea what Humanity was capable of. He would soon find out that his captors were called Marines and that they did not take the loss of their own lightly. The remainder of the Ru'hak-lie's ships immediately began to send out distress calls and beacons. One recorded message goes as following:

-1067th Squadron signal command ship: "Break-Break-Break. High Command this is 1067th Squadron S-C. Be advised New Discovery Sol 3 sector 21-A under heavy assault by numerically superior force. Half of squadron has been destroyed. About a quarter has been boarded by the recently marked species for exploitation. Over."

-Ru'hak-lie High Command Signal Group: "Say again 1067. Over."

-1067th Squadron signal command ship: "I say again. We are under attack. Most of our fleet has been destroyed. Signal ship is currently being Boarded by an unknown size element of warrior class. Over."

-Ru'hak-lie High Command Signal Group: "Holdfast 1067 we will send reinforcements with in the standard week. Over."

-1067th Squadron signal command ship: "Negative. I say again. Half of squadron has been destroyed we are being boarded. Any ships that have not been boarded or are too damaged are preparing for FTL travel to friendly space. Over."

-Ru'hak-lie High Command Signal Group: "How long has the battle been being waged for? Why did you not contact us sooner if you received contact? Over."

-1067th Squadron signal command ship: "Fighting has only been going on for approximately 30 units. They have weapons that disable our shields. We are fighting off boa- ...

Yelling can be heard in the background and indicates this room was then breached by Human forces and connection was lost in the ensuing firefight.

Humanity had captured 17 Warships and mining/freighter ships while destroying 89. Only 4 were able to make it back to Ru'hak-lie space although it is theorized that close to 11 others attempted to flee and broke apart during FTL due to structural damage. Humanity had lost 21 fighter craft and had sustained minor damage to a small number of its other class ships. During the

boarding of enemy ships the Marines lost; 131 dead, 556 wounded and 155 MIA. One Ru'hak-lie ship had been able to jump out of the system with its boarding party still on it. When they attempted to rout the Marines who had held up with in one of the center cargo bays it took 98 days to finally clear them out. The food and water storage bays that had been fortified by the Marines were so successful that the 155 of Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Division had a kill ratio of approximately 26 to 1. In the end the 22 that remained had run out of ammo for both their weapons and the captured weapons. The losses Humanity sacrificed in the first day were eternalized as the first Heroes of the long conflict and the miners and other civilian contractors that were killed in the initial contact were martyred with multiple statues and memorials dedicated to them across Human space.

When news spread through the Ru'hak-lie territories of what had happened, shock ran through their entire empire. They immediately put in purchase requests for more ships from neighboring factions yet only 2 agreed fearing retaliation if they had declined. This in turn sparked panic in many other nearby factions and they feared the Ru'hak-lie were preparing for a 3rd Territory war. When informants and espionage agents of the Galactic Bretarian Senate had learned a few weeks later about this new unknown species that had so quickly disposed of a Ru'hak-lie squadron a vote was put into play to provide aid in the form of a lend-lease program so after the war ended they could collect interest on the loans. It came to a very close vote of 611 for and 634 against. 39 Abstained from voting. Several small factions requested permission to still give lend-lease ships to the Ru'hak-lie but only a small amount were ever approved by the Senate. The second largest faction at the time in the Bretarian Senate was the Fyed-Kell-Dain and put a second vote to send a first contact diplomatic team to the new faction with a subsection of reconnaissance and intelligence gathering. The vote came to a majority vote to not send a diplomatic mission but to still send a reconnaissance team. When the recon group entered near the edge of Human space still believing that the species had not developed scanners capable of detecting them they were surprised to find that not only were they almost instantly spotted but that their scanners had shown a combat squadron heading their way. An immediate request was put in to establish a neutral diplomacy with the approaching ships as a way to still gather intel while not coming on as hostile. Once approved they had to wait 5 days for the ambassador and diplomat team to arrive while also trying to establish communication and hold a non-threatening posture. Although this is technically considered seconded contact, it was the first diplomatic contact with Humanity. After almost being fired upon Humanity "extended its olive branch" which is a term meaning to give peace or resolve conflict. This was troublesome because after Humanity opened up to the Senate after 3 months of talks and diplomatic meetings, they discovered that a few of the smaller factions had still been able to give lend-lease ships to their enemy. Fearing retaliation the Senate quickly barred military trade with the Ru'hak-lie empire, but also refused to stop sending food and commodities. Again they feared the Ru'hak-lie would also retaliate. Humanity was surprisingly understanding, but also made it very clear this was not to their liking.

13 months after the initial raid and 4 months after the retaliatory strikes humanity had successfully reversed engineered the FTL of the captured ships. This again sent absolute shockwaves through the rest of the galaxy. It was unheard of for any kind to have been able to do it so quickly. Even spacefaring sub-light factions that had been given FTL technology took much longer to understand and utilize it. The first Human diplomats arrived at the senate 1 month later. Accompanied by the now battle

hardened 1st Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment many Senate leaders thought this was an invasion when actually Humanity was the worried ones not knowing what they were about to see and wanting to be prepared rotated out its legendary battalion for rest, recuperation, and refit. Many factions thought Humanity were a constant heart attack or that species' equivalent of one. Numerous had still been sceptical of Humanity's strength and the Senate asked to be given a demonstration of their firepower. The Human diplomats declined. Much to the dismay of many Senate leaders and the Marines and Sailors who had wanted to "Scare the damn Xenos straight ahead of time."

Meanwhile back in Humanity's home system, 2 full Ru'hak-lie fleets entered the Saturn sector. This battle was fought for much longer as now Humanity was outnumbered. They kept their two other Fleets near Earth as a reserve and home defence force until more ships could be brought up to action. The Human fleet still annihilated the Ru'hak-lie fleet losing very few warships and close to 400 fighters. Although many fighter losses were chocked up to be due inexperienced pilots. Humanity now had 103 captured warships and 6,000 captured Ru'hak-lies. When FTL travel became available to be added Humanity's fleets they sent 8 fleets to saturn and 2 to each other planet in the system. The 1st fleet now having been in conflict for 6 months was rotated out and sent to be refitted with FTL drives. The 2nd and 3rd fleets also returned at 1 month intervals following. The day that the 1st Fleet arrived back over Earth was a large celebration and an interplanetary holiday named 'Fleet Day' was created. Many of the Marines who had seen combat came back to be praised as heroes and for the time they were back on Earth and Mars had been used as recruitment media to boost numbers even higher as well as raise morale on the homefront. The Army Divisions had gone down to each moon on saturn and turned them into fortresses, garrisoning them and using them as harsh environment training bases.

News spreads fast in the galactic community and when it was found out that after 2 years of Ru'hak-lie throwing fleet after fleet at Humanity across Saturn, Jupiter, and Uranus that the Humans went on the offensive it changed how the rest of the Galaxy viewed them yet again. Even factions not in the Senate had learned of humanity. Factions across the galaxy had begun requesting Human Mercenary groups. This became a great annoyance for the now tired Human diplomats who had answered far more questions they they could reasonably ask. When the Ru'hak-lie diplomats stormed into the Senate demanding help they became frightful at what stood before them. Human diplomats guarded by Human Marines. As one Marine Cpl. Ferdinand had put it. "Those three eyed fucks shit a brick when they saw us standing there in our dress uniforms, decorated with combat and valor medals. Shit (Marine spits a brown liquid known as "dip" into a container) when yall saw us yall shit a few too." The term "to shit a brick" is slang for defecating oneself when frightened. Although it was originally intended to remain neutral the diplomatic and recon team had reported back such large amounts of intel that it became worrisome to not be allied with Humanity. As such when the Ru'hak-lie diplomats discovered we has secretly allied ourselves with Humanity they threatened open war. Before anyone could answer a Marine officer yelled across the room "Bring it on cock lips. You fucked with our boats and now want to try and fuck with our new found allies, you got another thing coming." Boats refer to water faring ships on Earth and Cock is slang for Human male genitalia. The term Cock lips infers that the opposing has committed oral sex acts.

Learning about Humanity's home world of Earth (sometimes also called Terra) again gave more than a few Senate leaders extreme anxiety. After 6 months of diplomacy Humanity established a resident embassy guarded by elite Marine Security Forces, who seemed almost stoic and unmoving. The remaining diplomats and Marine Battalion had returned to Earth. This day was then named Marine Day. It has also been recognized in the Senate as and Humanitarian Diplomacy Peace Day.

Ru'hak-lies on average stood around 5ft 4-7in tall and came from a low level Hellworld. Humanity however stood at 5ft 11in to 6ft 4in and came from a high level Deathworld. This gave Humanity even more advantages in the ground combat phase of the war. When a new system was to be targeted for invasion, it was common practice to deploy Space Force Recon Fighters and Light Cruisers to scout out any form of space, orbital, ground, and air defenses. This then in turn gave enough information to give the initial strike teams enough knowledge to apply surgical strikes to not only minimize civilian casualties but also to effectively destroy most of the defenses in a system. With in a very short time Human Special Forces groups would deploy to secure landing zones and to do more deep penetration sabotage to take out any remaining defenses deemed too close to civilians. Once the Marines landed and established a large perimeter the Army would be brought in to create a driving force to push long distances into enemy lines. This tactic was a new concept to the rest of the Galaxy as no faction had a dedicated force that could fight on space and in ships as well as being a Shock Troop force to create a large opening in enemy lines. This was a new idea that was soon implemented into many faction militaries.

Some factions in the Senate requested to aid in the fight with Humanity and train with the Marines. These requests often came from Ru'hak-lie neighbors who saw this as a prime opportunity to liberate its lost territory from the previous wars as well as free its own people still suffering as slaves. While a majority of the Senate was undecided on to openly declare war, a new charter was drafted among those that wished to fight with Terra. The proposed charter would allow any faction within the senate to decide for themselves if they wish to provide aid or even fight alongside Humanity without any form of repercussions or scrutiny against them or those that have chosen not to. Human diplomats referred to this as the "No Bad Blood" Charter. It was a unanimous vote. The charter put into effect the decision for the individual faction to remain; neutral, provide aid, inelegance, or fight with Humanity and no other faction could attempt to discuss reprimands for either side. It also gave Humanity the sole decision on what to do with original Ru'hak-lie space if the war ended in an armistice. The Human Ru'hak-lie war was then declared as the Third Ru'hak-lie war.

In the later days of the war many militaries that had fought alongside the Humans described their tactics as complete disintegration of enemy forces. They did not stop fighting until the enemy was dead or dying and surrendered. This made multiple factions fearful that once the war was over Humanity would try to conquer them as well. Almost never on the defensive they took the fight straight to the enemy's door step. When Humanity came to fight outside of their solar system it struck fear into the senate. It was a common thought that this would be the end of all Ru'hak-lies everywhere. What shocked the Galaxy again was the fact that they did not intentionally attack civilians. Most factions would attack civilian centers as away to kill off their enemy entirely. The senate thought that the worlds would be claimed by the Human Conquers, some even thought it should be taken by

them. Instead they freed any enslaved species and returned the planet or system to its original faction. When they did not even enslave Ru'hak-lie civilians we thought they would assimilate them into their faction. Instead they relocated them off of captured worlds onto already conquered Ru'hak-lie worlds.

In the short few years the Galaxy had known Humans they struck fear into all. They showed they are the highest class of warriors. Then they showed us they were also the most compassionate of us all. It changed how the entire galaxy was ruled and made decisions. Not long after the war ended in an unconditional surrender the Ru'hak-lie remnant was welcomed into the senate on probationary terms. Shortly after, the Galactic Bretarian Senate was renamed to the Galactic Bre-Terran Senate in honor of all humanity had done to free and teach us. Humanity was by far the strongest and many thought it would rule over the Senate, but instead they expanded their borders into unclaimed space and requested to be an equal seat on the Senate instead of its leading faction. 125 years after the last major war we remember all who had sacrificed to bring us peace. All who had bravely given up their lives for the better of all factions and species. We remember the nearly 600 million Humans and 30 million from other factions who died during the 10 year long war. Although close to 7 billion Ru'hak-lie died fighting Humanity, 125 years later trade between the two factions prospered.

During the peace talks before the signing of the treaty and unconditional surrender, a Human diplomat and former General was asked "Why didn't you completely annihilate the Ru'hak-lie when they started open conflict with you by attacking and killing a civilian outpost?" His response was "They fucked with our boats so we fucked with theirs a lot harder. We aren't about killing civilians anymore. Humanity had a long past with that before we could even reach the stars. We won't let it happen again." A testament to Humanity's wrath, honour, and compassion.